

# United Stores Corporation

*Report to Stockholders*  
*Year Ending December 31, 1938*

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**UNITED STORES CORPORATION**  
**15 EXCHANGE PLACE**  
**JERSEY CITY, N. J.**

MARCH 20, 1939.

*To the Stockholders of*

**UNITED STORES CORPORATION:**

There are presented herewith the following financial statements of United Stores Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1938, with report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co. thereon:

Balance Sheet  
Statement of Income and Expense  
Statement of Surplus

For the information of the stockholders there are enclosed herewith copies of the Annual Report of McLellan Stores Company for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1939, and of the respective Annual Reports of McCrory Stores Corporation and Tobacco Products Corporation of Delaware for the year ending December 31, 1938.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GEORGE K. MORROW,  
*Chairman.*

## UNITED STORES

## BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

## CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in banks .....	\$ 106,326.91
Account receivable, at nominal amount .....	1.00

## OFFICE FURNITURE AND FIXTURES, at nominal amount .....

\$ 106,327.91  
1.00

## INVESTMENTS:

## At cost:

McCrory Stores Corporation (Note 1)—	
14,100 shares convertible 6% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100 (28.2% of total outstanding)	}\$ 5,548,582.31
396,138 shares common stock, par \$1 (40% of total out- standing)	

McLellan Stores Company (Note 1)—	
8,322 shares 6% cumulative convertible preferred stock, par \$100 (27.74% of total outstanding)	} 4,521,099.39
380,098½ shares common stock, par \$1 (51.84% of total outstanding)	

At valuation authorized by Board of Directors in 1933 plus  
cost of subsequent purchases:

Tobacco Products Corporation of Delaware (Note 2)—	
20,844 shares of capital stock, par \$10 (63.23% of total outstanding) .....	624,100.25

10,693,781.95

## NOTE 1—Quoted market prices at December 31, 1938:—

McCrory Stores Corporation:	
6% preferred stock .....	89 bid—92 asked
Common stock .....	10⅜
McLellan Stores Company:	
6% preferred stock .....	80 bid—95 asked
Common stock .....	9¼

NOTE 2—The value of this investment is contingent upon the amount of taxes which may be payable by Tobacco Products Corporation of New Jersey (a wholly owned subsidiary of Tobacco Products Corporation of Delaware) upon \$36,286,128.85 received from American Tobacco Company in commutation of a lease in January 1935. On June 7, 1937 the Treasury Department assessed \$4,967,890.40 as tax, penalty and interest against Tobacco Products Corporation of New Jersey and demanded and received, on account of the tax so claimed, that company's cash balance of \$725,638.27 which was its only asset. The amount of and persons liable for payment of any such taxes have not been finally determined but, in opinion of counsel, United Stores Corporation is not liable therefor.

\$10,800,110.86

To the Board of Directors of  
UNITED STORES CORPORATION:

We have made an examination of the balance 1938 and of the statements of income and expense and we examined accounting records of the corporation and explanations from officers of the corporation.

In our opinion, based upon such examination a Federal income taxes more fully described in notes to the attached related statements of income and expense accepted principles of accounting consistently maintained the position of United Stores Corporation at December

56 Pine Street,  
New York, N. Y.  
March 15, 1939.

# CORPORATION

DECEMBER 31, 1938

## CURRENT LIABILITIES:

	LIABILITIES	
Bank loan, payable on demand .....	\$ 300,000.00	
(Secured by 4,700 shares McCrory Stores Corporation 6% preferred stock and 1,450 shares McLellan Stores Company 6% preferred stock)		
Accounts payable .....	11,045.27	
Unclaimed dividends .....	2,084.10	
Provision for taxes (Note 3) .....	122,750.00	
Payable to Tobacco Products Corporation of Delaware .....	264.07	
		<u>\$ 436,143.44</u>

## CAPITAL STOCK AND CAPITAL SURPLUS:—

### Capital stock:

\$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock, without par value, preferred over Class A and common as to \$115 per share plus accrued dividends on dissolution—

Authorized—101,800 shares

Outstanding, less 800 shares in treasury—

96,795 shares stated at \$25 per share .....

Note—Preferred dividends are in arrears \$15 per share at December 31, 1938, or a total of \$1,451,925.

Class A stock without par value, convertible, preferred over common as to \$4.20 per annum (cumulative to the extent earned in any fiscal year) and as to \$75 per share on dissolution—

Authorized—916,000 shares

Outstanding—915,979 shares stated at \$5 per share .....

\$2,419,875.00

4,579,895.00

### Common stock without par value—

Authorized—1,522,200 shares including 1,012,774 shares reserved for conversion of preferred and Class A stocks

Outstanding, less 234 shares in treasury—

504,162 shares stated at \$.50 per share .....

252,081.00

Capital surplus, per statement attached .....

2,874,455.86

10,126,306.86

237,660.56

EARNED SURPLUS SINCE JANUARY 1, 1937, per statement attached .....

NOTE 3—The company's Federal income tax returns for the years subsequent to 1935 are subject to final review by the Treasury Department with particular reference to the cost basis of securities sold and the profits resulting from the McCrory Stores Corporation reorganization.

NOTE 4—In the opinion of counsel neither the provisions of the company's certificate of incorporation nor the statutes of Delaware create restrictions upon surplus growing out of the fact that upon involuntary liquidation the preferences of the preferred and Class A stocks exceed their respective stated values.

\$10,800,110.86

sheet of United Stores Corporation as at December 31, and surplus for the year 1938. In connection therewith, and other supporting evidence and obtained information

and except as to the question concerning the liability for the balance sheet, the balance sheet shown above and income and surplus fairly present, in accordance with made by the corporation during the year under review, December 31, 1938 and the result of its operations for the year.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & Co.

# UNITED STORES CORPORATION

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1938

### Income:

Dividends received .....	\$659,694.30
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### Expenses:

Stock transfer expenses .....	\$11,321.11
Franchise and capital stock taxes .....	\$9,365.00
Less—Amounts provided in prior years not required	4,345.57
	5,019.43
Interest paid .....	4,142.12
Administrative and general expenses .....	87,017.03
	107,499.69
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	\$552,194.61
Loss on sale of investments, based on average cost .....	2,419.07
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	\$549,775.54
Provision for Federal income tax .....	13,500.00
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Profit for the year ending December 31, 1938, carried to statement of surplus	\$536,275.54
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# UNITED STORES CORPORATION

## STATEMENT OF SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1938

**Capital surplus:**

Balance at December 31, 1937 .....	\$2,927,638.73
<i>Deduct</i> —Excess of cost over stated value of 2,900 shares \$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock purchased for retirement....	\$53,185.00
Less—Excess of stated value over cost of scrip, representing 12 shares of common stock .....	2.13
	53,182.87
Capital surplus at December 31, 1938, per balance sheet .....	\$2,874,455.86

**Earned surplus since January 1, 1937:**

Balance at December 31, 1937 .....	\$ 138,762.52
Profit for the year ending December 31, 1938, per statement attached .....	536,275.54
	\$ 675,038.06
<i>Deduct</i> —Dividend of \$4.50 per share paid in cash on December 27, 1938 on \$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock .....	437,377.50
Earned surplus at December 31, 1938, per balance sheet .....	\$ 237,660.56

